

## LOCAL NEWS.

LOCAL politics is becoming just the least bit exciting at last.

THERE will be a big schuetzenfest out at Zionsville on the 29th.

THE rain of Saturday night only produced a four-foot rise in the Brazos.

SEVERAL births have occurred in the city recently, which will help to swell the census returns.

THE boys about town have their eye on a certain young man who spends his Sundays in Hempstead.

MATTIE ALLEN, the colored girl who was stabbed in the back at Camptown on Friday night, is still improving and will recover.

A COLORED woman was brought in Monday from Burton by Constable Cunningham and was lodged in the county jail to lay out a fine for disturbing the peace.

SEVERAL old soldiers of Green's brigade will go down to Hempstead on the 27th to attend the reunion of Hood's brigade. The Brenham gun club will also be on hand.

THE fireworks at the coming fourth of July celebration under the auspices of the Germania society will be the grandest and most elaborate ever seen in Brenham.

THE Brenham gun club has arranged a program for the fourth of July shoot at the Germania. The members were out at firemen's park Monday afternoon practicing.

THE census enumerators say that babies born since the 31st day of May will not count in estimating the population, while those persons who die since the 31st will be counted.

A COMPLIMENTARY hop was given at the Germania on Monday evening in honor of the Misses Aschoffs, two popular young ladies of Galveston, who are the guests of Mrs. Albert Werner.

HON. B. H. RICE, of Marlin, is presiding as special judge over the district court at Caldwell in a few cases in which Judge Garrett is disqualified. The court will adjourn this week.

JOE PARKER, the colored barber, visited Columbus on Sunday and he says that while he was there the Colorado river arose twenty-four feet in three hours, and was out of banks when he left.

ON last Saturday evening it began to rain before nightfall and lasted all night long. From all reports it was general, and added to the heavy rain of Friday gave the farmers' entirely more than they needed.

CAPT. BYRNES, county clerk, has received instructions not to issue marriage license to Adley Felder and Mary Caroline Jones. They are a runaway colored couple from Chappell Hill and the mother of the girl objects.

MR. J. H. H. Prinzing, who resides a short distance southeast of town and who is book-keeper at W. A. Wood & Co's. lumber yard, laid the BANNER under obligations Monday for a liberal supply of as fine strawberries as were ever grown in Brenham.

ATTENTION is called to the double-column advertisement announcing the coming fourth of July celebration in this city under the auspices of the Germania society. The holiday promises to be more generally observed than ever was known before in Brenham. The street parade will be no small feature of the celebration.

PROF. MCNEELY's school at Chappell Hill closed last week. J. P. Buchanan, Esq., a young attorney formerly a student at the college, delivered the annual address. The correspondent of the Houston Post says that Mr. Buchanan will soon enter upon the practice of law and will locate at Brenham.

THE name of the party who killed Chas. Oliver, a sporting character recently of this city, at Cuero last week was Oscar Arnim, a bartender. The published accounts of the killing state that Arnim acted strictly in self-defense. They had had a previous difficulty and Arnim refusing to make friends, Oliver forced the difficulty on him.

### The Graduating Class.

Following is the list of the graduating class in the public free schools of Brenham upon whom diplomas will be conferred this year: Miss Sophie Ahrenbeck; Miss Ophelia Hutchinson; Miss Virginia Thomas; Miss Sophia Bickler; Miss Jonnie Hughes; Miss Katie Carothers; Miss Elma Morris; and on Masters Jefferson Bassett, Cal Botts, Fred Amstler and Kurt Giesecke. A certificate for partial course will be conferred on Edward Healy. The graduating class will give public exercise at the opera house on the evening of June 12, of which the following is the program: Greeting glee, by the high school; salutatory, by Miss Sophia Bickler; oration, C. G. Botts; recitation, Miss Elma Morris; instrumental duet, Misses Hoffmann and Eldridge; oration, W. J. Bassett; essay, Miss Kate Carothers; instrumental duet, Misses Wallney and Connell; essay, Miss Ophelia Hutchinson; recitation, Miss Sophia Ahrenbeck; oration, K. P. Giesecke; instrumental solo, Miss Sophie Bickler; oration, Fred L. Amstler; recitation, Miss Jonnie Hughes; instrumental duet, Misses Estes and Crozier; German essay, Edward Healy; literary address, Prof. O. H. Cooper, state superintendent of public instruction, who will also confer the diplomas on the above-named graduates; valedictory, Miss Virginia Thomas; chorus, by the high school.

### An Unfortunate Man.

ON Wednesday evening as the southbound Santa Fe passenger train appeared around the curve just beyond the long bridge in the northern suburb of the city a man was seen to leap from the car window and run desperately as for his life. There was no question that he was insane. He imagined that somebody was after him. The unfortunate man proved to be F. Engelking, of Milheim, Austin county, a brother of Mrs. E. G. Langhammer, wife of the county assessor. He had been to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health and was returning when the manic spell came on him. He has been in the insane asylum two or three times but was supposed to be cured, or at least harmless. After jumping from the train he was overtaken, and being recognized as the brother-in-law of Mr. Langhammer, was turned over to him. Mr. L. took him to his house and after supper put him to bed. A few minutes later he returned to the room and Engelking had disappeared and has not been heard of since, although Mr. Langhammer spent nearly all Thursday hunting for and making inquiries concerning him.

Card from Major Magdalen.

CALDWELL, June 4, 1890.

Editor BANNER:—I read in your last week's issue an editorial article stating that I had declined to run for district attorney in the ensuing election in favor of Beauregard Bryan. This is a mistake which I desire to correct. Over a year ago I determined not to be again a candidate for that office and so announced to my friends. I have adhered to this determination ever since, notwithstanding strong solicitations on the part of many people in all the three counties of the district; but I have never declined in favor of Beauregard Bryan or any one else, as this would imply, if true, that I had turned over to that gentleman all votes which would in the event of my candidacy have been cast for me—which would be an absurd attempt on the part of any man. What I here say is intended as no reflection on Mr. Bryan, for he is a warm personal friend of mine and one for whose many good qualities of head and heart I have a great admiration.

Very truly,  
SAM G. RAGSDALE.

### Statistical Information.

In compliance with a request of State Commissioner Foster, Capt. Byrnes and Deputy Clerk Krug have been getting up some statistics for use in his office, from which the following is learned: Number of marriage licenses issued from the county clerk's office of Washington county from January 1st, to December 31st, 1889, 349; number of mortgages recorded, 68; value of the mortgaged property, \$100,486; number of chattel mortgages on crops, 499; value of such chattel mortgages, \$51,191.75. Sheriff Dever has also gotten up the following statistics for the commissioner: Number of persons confined in the county jail of Washington county at any time during the year 1889 charged with crime, 136; for murder 16; theft, 45; arson, 1; burglary, 7; forgery, 3; assault on murder, 1; assault and battery, 35; rape, 1; all other charges, 27.

PROF. R. R. FORTER will teach a Mathematical school at Burton during the month of July. This will afford a good opportunity for the young people of that vicinity to brighten up on the important subject of Arithmetic.

MINGO MATHEWS has a new scene of a western sheep ranch hanging over the stall at the Central market.

### He Drew a Gun.

THE other day at Burton R. F. Collyer, a citizen of the place, precipitated a row with a party whose name was not learned, and pulled down a double-barreled shotgun on him. Dr. Watts interferred in behalf of the assaulted party and Collyer then turned his attention to him and then drew the gun on the doctor. Nobody was hurt, however, and he was quieted down. From subsequent actions of Mr. Collyer a day or two later it was concluded that his mind had become unbalanced, and in response to a telegram County Judge Kirk and Deputy Sheriff Teague went to Burton on Monday night to secure him and have him tried on a writ of lunacy. They made two trips to Burton and returned with the prisoner on the afternoon train Tuesday. After arriving here Judge Kirk was convinced that he was not crazy, and Deputy Teague agreeing to take care of him and guarantee his good behavior, Collyer was turned over to him.

### It Beats Mulhatten.

A colored man by the name of Smith, who lives on Mrs. Hickey's place a mile or so northeast of town, and who recently purchased a mule from Mr. August Schendel, says that one day last week while he was in the field plowing his mule the animal began to groan as if in great pain and to swell up suddenly as if it had wind colic or something of the kind. He started to take the mule out of harness, but before he could do so it became inflated so rapidly that its belly burst and its bowels rushed out on the ground, death resulting almost instantly. The BANNER does not undertake to say whether the above story is true or not, but simply repeats it as it was told. The darkey swears that it is as true as gospel.

### More Horses Recovered.

DEPUTY Constable Low Sallis returned from Hempstead late on Friday evening with some more stolen stock, consisting of a mule and a horse. Both animals were stolen about eighteen months ago. The horse belonged to a Polander living three miles and a half east of town and the mule belonged to E. R. Meador, who resides near Burton. They were both found in the possession of colored men living in Waller county, ten miles below Hempstead in the Brazos bottom. They both claim to have traded for the stock, one having purchased from a white man and the other a negro. As to how the deputy constable got on the track of the stolen property is a secret which he does not choose to divulge just at present.

### A Case of Sunstroke.

THE first fatal case of sunstroke reported this season occurred seven or eight miles south of Brenham on Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock. Henry Schroeder, a youth about twenty years old, and his brother, who came here from the old country about two weeks ago, had been walking over the farms hunting work and were returning to town to meet their parents, who were expected down from Austin. They were walking along the Nelsonville road near the German church, when all at once the young man was suddenly overcome with heat and dropped to the ground. The pastor of the church was called to the assistance of the brother and he was helped into the house, where he remained insensible and expired about midnight. It was pronounced a clear case of sunstroke.

TWO young men in Brenham recently became involved in a dispute about the merits of the Blair educational bill, and one asserted that it was endorsed in the platform of the national republican convention at Chicago in 1888. The other denied it and they decided to leave it to Mr. Blair to decide. The New Hampshire senator was written to and in due time a reply was received that he understood the convention to endorse the bill. This wasn't considered definite enough and Mr. Jas. G. Blaine was written to. His private secretary replied that the national republican platform contained no reference to the Blair educational bill.

### \$10 REWARD.

I will give \$10 reward for the "Brenham BANNER" for the years of 1870, 1872 and 1874 from June 1st till Dec 31st of each year mentioned. Address

J. G. DAVIDSON,  
Pub. Herald, Plainview, Texas.

MR. E. G. LANGHAMMER reports that his brother-in-law, F. Engelking, who escaped from his home a few nights ago while laboring under a fit of mental aberration, has been heard from. He was seen between Brenham and Bellville on foot by an acquaintance, who reported that he was making his way to Milheim.

THE census enumerators are making rapid progress with their work.

FRIDAY dawned the sultriest and most oppressive day of the present summer season, and about 10 o'clock it began to rain and lasted an hour and a half. At times it poured in sluices and was accompanied with considerable gusts of wind. The farmers were slightly in need of rain, but not so much as felt. However, it is not believed that it will damage the crops to amount to anything. The indications were that the rain was quite general. It extended some distance south, and it was rumored that there was a cyclone in the northern part of the state.

THE trade for the Frohsinn property was completed on Friday. The money was paid over and the deed was executed. There was a slight mistake in mentioning the purchase price. It was thirty-five hundred, instead of thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. H. Hodde informed the reporter of the BANNER that for the present the sheds would probably be removed from the building, a steeple would be erected, the hall would be ceiled overhead and used for conducting services until it was seen how large a congregation would attend and what sized church edifice would be necessary.

ON Thursday afternoon at his mother's residence in the southwestern portion of the city while Hiram Beauchamp, merchant policeman and night watchman, was engaged in rubbing up his double-action revolver it was accidentally discharged and he was slightly wounded in the palm of the left hand. The ball did not penetrate or break any bones, but tore the flesh slightly at the third joint of the forefinger and on the thumb. His little brother was in the room at the time and had a narrow escape.

THE Mudcat club went out in considerable force on Thursday morning to disport themselves on the banks of Mill creek. Following is the personnel of the party. Ben S. Rogers, W. E. Sloan, J. R. Ralston, W. M. Aven, Wm. Perry, Jim Simon, R. L. Thompson, June Harris, W. H. Snell, H. C. McIntyre, Mayor Wilkins, E. L. Salley, W. H. Murphy and Frank Haubelt. Messrs. Murphy and Rogers were the cooks of the party and they sustained their well merited reputation as superior caterers to the inner man.

A TELEGRAM was received at the sheriff's office Thursday afternoon from Cuero signed by P. F. Breder, sheriff of DeWitt county, stating that Charles Oliver had just been killed at Cuero; that it was believed he had relatives in Brenham, and asking that they be notified. On inquiry it was learned that Oliver lived here for a while up to about six weeks ago, but he had no relatives in the city. He was a large, square-shouldered fellow and was a gambler.

ATTENTION is called to the double-column advertisement of Ringene Bros., in this issue. This is one of the most sterling young business firms in the city. They keep a full stock of dry goods and groceries, on hand all the time and are thoroughly honest and reliable in their dealings. They are above any little tricks of trade and always give their customers full measure for their money. Nobody need hesitate to patronize them on the score of not being acquainted with them. They treat strangers as well as old customers, politely.

ON Thursday Mr. E. Reichardt and Mr. H. Hodde, acting in behalf of the German Lutheran church society, closed the trade with Mr. Fritz Krentzlin for the beautiful grounds occupied at present as a park and pleasure resort by the Frohsinn society. It is the intention to erect a handsome church building on the lot at an early date. The price paid for the property was \$3500, and Mr. Krentzlin makes a donation of \$500 to the church.

THE BANNER publishes another announcement for office this morning. Mr. Oscar A. Seward announces as a candidate for the office of county clerk subject to the action of the democratic convention. Mr. Seward is a prominent farmer of the Independence neighborhood, who was born and reared in Washington county and has never held an office. If nominated and elected he would make an honest and competent official.

MESSRS. Heber Stone and J. T. Swearingen have purchased a controlling interest in the gas well enterprise out in the Greenvine neighborhood, and arrangements have been effected to redouble the efforts to secure gas in paying quantities.

THE commencement exercises of Chappell Hill Female college were concluded on Tuesday evening with a banquet given by the Alumnae association, at which a number were present from Brenham and responded to toasts. Owing to the rain on Saturday night the art exhibition did not take place and was crowded into Monday evening with the concert. The entertainment began at 7:30, p. m., and lasted until midnight. The literary address was delivered by W. B. Garrett, Esq., of Brenham. Despite the unfavorable weather large numbers of visitors were present during the commencement week.

ON Tuesday about noon an Irishman who appeared to be a railroad section hand was going along West Sandy street with a large sack on his back loaded with about forty different articles which he had purchased and was starting out with. Just as he got opposite T. J. Pampell's the sack slipped and fell to the ground with a crash. Among the contents demolished was a slender jug containing his allowance of whiskey. The poor fellow stood unsteadily over the pile for several minutes bemoaning his hard luck and exclaiming "A whole fortune lost!" and that he was ruined and busted. His case excited commiseration.

THE BANNER is in receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the graduating class of Chappell Hill Female College, on next Tuesday. The class is composed of Misses Pearl Lide, Posey Stone and Beulah White, regular course, and Misses Florence Garrett and Donia Willis, irregular. As previously stated, Miss Lide has been chosen salutatorian, and Miss White valedictorian. Rev. E. B. Chappell, of Austin, will deliver the baccalaureate address.

SEVERAL days ago a fine calf belonging to Mr. Henry Carothers, who resides near the Brenham compass, mysteriously disappeared and was hunted high and low but could not be found until Friday, when it was discovered at the bottom of an unused well thirty-six feet deep on the premises, which did not have any water in it. The calf had been in the well eleven days and nights, or at least had been missing that long when found and was still alive.

MESSRS. A. H. Felder and S. A. Morris called at the BANNER office Monday and authorized the announcement that there will be a meeting of democrats of the third precinct who favor a railway commission and Hogg for governor in this city on Saturday for the purpose of organizing. The meeting will probably be held at Eldridge hall. Steps have already been taken to organize such clubs at Chappell Hill, Independence and Burton.

W. R. ZAPP, who killed the young man Willingham, formerly of this county and whose parents reside in Washington county, near Caldwell recently was tried last week and was convicted of manslaughter and given two years in the penitentiary. There were a number of lawyers employed in the case, including W. W. Searey, Esq., of Brenham, who represented the defendant.

THERE was a political meeting held on Sunday afternoon at Oak Hill school house, which was attended by fifty or sixty suffragans of the Berlin neighborhood. After a short discussion of local politics a resolution was adopted endorsing Deputy Sheriff D. E. Teague for sheriff at the ensuing election and Beauregard Bryan for district attorney.

THERE was very little business disposed of in the justice court at Greenvine on Saturday. There were two little pleas of guilty on the charge of disturbing the peace on the criminal docket and no cases at all on the civil docket.

MR. N. B. ROWE, who was scalded at the ice factory on Sunday night, is more seriously hurt than was at first reported. His leg and foot are badly swollen and it is thought that it will be a month or two before he will be able to be out and around.

OWING to the muddy condition of the roads the Independence hack did not get in yesterday and the mails had to be brought over on horseback.

A CHARTER for a railroad from Hearne to Brenham is mentioned in the Austin dispatches as having been filed with the secretary of state.

THE colored people had quite an exciting time in electing a goddess of liberty for their approaching emancipation celebration on Monday night. The polls did not close until midnight and the ballot resulted as follows: Miss Mosie Crenshaw 662, Clara White 373, Birdie Bradford 44, Laura Williams 19, Laura Holmes 7. The color line was drawn rather spiritedly in the race. Most of the candidates were light complected, but the ebony-hued one was elected by a big majority.

A DRUMMER at the Exchange hotel gave out some washing to a colored woman on Monday, and by an oversight left fifty dollars sewed up inside of an undergarment. The garment was boiled and scrubbed in the washpot and the money was not discovered until the washerwoman came to press and iron the clothes. When discovered the bills were not torn or injured at all. She returned the money to the owner and received \$1.50 as a reward for her honesty.

ON Tuesday shortly before noon the pupils of the high school got excused by their principal, Miss Mary Rial, and proceeding to her residence without her knowledge, decorated the parlor with a beautiful swinging lamp, which present was much appreciated. Miss Fannie Stone, the teacher of the Seventh grade, was the recipient of a beautiful silver jewel casket from her class.

THE closing exercises of the Brenham colored public schools, Prof. M. H. Broyles principal, will take place to-morrow and next day, the 12th and 13th instants. Examinations to-morrow from 9 a. m. until 12, m. Literary exercises and address by Prof. H. T. Kealing, of Austin, on Friday at 7:30, p. m. The address of Prof. Kealing will be the most prominent feature of the evening.

ABOUT forty members of the Knights of Pythias participated in the decoration of the graves of deceased members on Tuesday evening. They started out at 5 o'clock and were followed by a number of their lady friends in buggies and carriages. The flowers used in decorating the graves were the gift of Mrs. Wm. Watson, to whom the members desire to return their profuse thanks.

THE dodgers are out announcing the coming fourth of July celebration at the Germania. The committee is not allowing any grass to grow under its feet, and it is safe to say that there will be a big crowd and that the celebration will be a grand success.

A COMPLIMENTARY hop will be tendered next Monday evening by the Young Men's Social club to Miss Nellie Garrett and Miss Nettie Williams, who are expected to arrive the latter part of the week from Virginia, where they have been attending school at Hollins Institute.

REV. E. H. HARMON, pastor of the Giddings Memorial church, has accepted the invitation to preach the commencement sermon of the public schools. The address will be delivered on next Sunday at the opera house.

A PRIVATE letter received at the BANNER office from Hempstead states that everybody's home will be thrown wide open at that place on the 27th to receive and welcome visitors to the reunion of Hood's brigade.

THE second quarterly conference of the German Methodist church in this city will meet on Sunday, and there will be preaching on Friday and Saturday nights.

THE Yegua is reported out of banks again from Saturday nights rain and is still rising.

MRS. SCHULTZ is having a neat little residence constructed south of the Brenham compass. Work was begun on Tuesday.

THE pastor of the Camptown colored Methodist church called at the BANNER office and requested the reporter to state that the stabbing of the girl Mattie Allen did not occur at his church, but at Little Zion Baptist church.

MRS. W. W. GEARY, who has been in the city several days visiting relatives and stopping at the Exchange hotel, left yesterday evening for Buffalo, N. Y., to join her husband, Lieut. Geary, of the United States Army.

A COUPLE who arrived on the southbound Santa Fe train yesterday evening were married at A. H. Wood's boardinghouse. Rev. L. C. Kellis, a Baptist minister from Houston, performed the ceremony.

LOUIS HARRISON received a postal card yesterday from Mr. Faustino Kiber, which was written from the top of Eiffel tower.